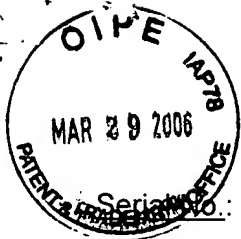


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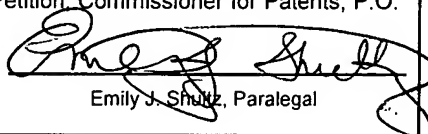
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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant offers the following information in support of the Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) For the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Provisional Application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following information prior to a decision on the Petition.

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The present application, application number 10/809,228, was filed on March 25, 2004. The application unintentionally failed to claim the benefit of provisional application number 60/457,526, filed on March 25, 2003.

In support of the Petition, Applicant would like to stress that it never desired or instructed that the claim for the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application be omitted, and such omission was completely unintentional. Applicant was previously unaware that the present application did not claim the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application and, if Applicant previously had such knowledge, it would have taken steps to amend the specification to add the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application.

Upon learning that the present application unintentionally failed to claim the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application by the Applicant, the Petition was diligently filed. The amendment to the specification is enclosed, along with the requisite Petition Fee of \$1,370.00; if the fee is determined to be deficient or a refund is considered due please authorize Deposit Account 19-4076, in the name of Standley Law Group LLP.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Petition be granted and the application proceeds to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/27/06

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